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Sir:

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The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the subject Form PTO-1449.

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